



# CATHOLIC PARISH OF ST BEDE & SS PETER AND PAUL South Shields



## St Bede's Church

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## Sunday 4th January 2026 2nd Sunday of Christmas (Year A)



### Please remember in your prayers:

*those who are sick or housebound*

Phil Banks, Fr Ronnie Brown, John Buckley, David Clark, Jacqueline Cullen, Margaret Davidson, Mary Delaney, Veronica Gosling, Anne Gray, Carol Heilbron, Tony Joyce, Cathy Manning, Steven Merrifield, Brenda Rutherford, Lorraine Steel, Jackie Taylor, Veronica Thompson, Dennis Wray

*and those whose Anniversaries occur at this time:*



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## Diary for the Week

St Bede's Church			Ss Peter & Paul Church		
5.00pm (Sat.) 9.00-9.25am	Mass Confessions	Holy Souls	Sunday 4th January <i>2nd Sunday After Christmas</i>	10.30-10.55am 11.00am Mass	Jean and Denis Mcmanus
9.30am	Mass	George Gibson RIP			
11.30am 12.00noon	Rosary Mass	For Ukraine Joanne McGinley (RIP)	Monday 5th January <i>Feria</i>		
6pm	Mass	People of the Parish	Tuesday 6 January <i>Epiphany of the Lord</i>	10.00am Mass	Intentions of Fr Mark Milward
			Wednesday 7 January <i>Feria</i>	10.00am Mass	Daniel and Evelyn Thomson RIP
10.00am	Mass	Karla Ismail (RIP)	Thursday 8 January <i>Feria</i>		
11.15 12.00noon	Exposition Mass	Vida Gonzales (RIP)	Friday 9 January <i>Feria</i>		
10am 10.30-11.30am 10.30-11.15am 4.30-4.55pm 5.00pm	Mass Adoration Confessions Confessions Mass	Ted and Mabel Duffy and Clare Craig	Saturday 10 January <i>Feria</i>		
9.00-9.25am 9.30am	Confessions Mass	John and Mary Connolly RIP	Sunday 11 January <i>The Baptism of the Lord</i>	10.30-10.55am 11.00am Mass	People of the Parish

## Notices for the Week

**Attendance 21 December, 71 Vigil, 123 9.30am, 97 11.00am**  
**Attendance 28 December, 57 Vigil 112 9.30am 82 11.00am**

### Recently Deceased

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Margaret McIntyre Dunbar Carr, who died recently. Please also keep her family in your prayers at this difficult time. Her Funeral Mass will take place at Ss's Peter and Pauls on Tuesday 20th January 2026 at 10.00am. May she rest in peace.

### Tea and Coffee after Mass

Tea and coffee are available in the parish hall at St Bede's after Mass each Sunday morning, and in the parish room at Ss Peter and Paul after Mass each Wednesday morning. Do please come and join us for a cuppa and a chat.

### Anima Christi Prayer (to be recited after Communion)

Soul of Christ, sanctify me.  
Body of Christ, save me.  
Blood of Christ, inebriate me.  
Water from the side of Christ, wash me.  
Passion of Christ, strengthen me.  
O good Jesus, hear me.  
Within thy wounds, hide me.  
Suffer me not to be separated from thee.  
From the malicious enemy defend me.  
At the hour of my death, call me.  
And bid me come to thee,  
That with thy saints I may praise thee.  
Forever and ever Amen.

### The Epiphany of the Lord

Masses will be held at Ss's Peter and Pauls at 10:00 and at St Bedes at 6pm on Tuesday 6th January 2026. This is a Holy Day of Obligation. At these masses chalk will be blessed, which you will be welcome to take to mark the doorposts of your home. It is traditional to write above the front door with blessed chalk: 20+C+M+B+26. The numbers represent the year and the letters represent the names of the three wise men: *Caspar, Melchior and Balthazar*. The letters also represent the words *Christus Mansionem Benedicat* (May Christ bless this house).

### First Confession and Holy Communion (St Bedes & Ss Peter and Paul)

The fourth session will take place next Sunday after the 9.30am mass, and the theme will be *Greatest Event on Earth*.

### 100 Club

The November Winners are: 72 Colin Burnett, 57 Pat Johnson  
The December Winers are: 47 Terry Doran, 51 Helen Stephenson

### Christmas Candles

Thankyou to all those parishioners who donated to the Christmas Candle appeal, this year we are pleased to announce the total raised is £735. If you would like to keep your candle, they may be collected from the back of the church.

### Ukrainian Mass—A message from Father Taras

“ I would like to sincerely thankyou and the Parish community for your generosity and kindness, it was truly a joy for us to pray in your church and we are very grateful for the welcoming spirit we experienced. Please convey our heartfelt thanks to everyone who helped and supported us.”

### Gift Aid Remittance

Gift Aid donor acknowledgement letters are now available. If you would like a copy of your letter please either e mail the Parish Office or place your request in a sealed envelope in the collection basket with your contact details and the letters will be prepared for you.

### Parish Volunteers

Expressions of interest for any Parishioner who would like to volunteer to assist the Parish are always welcome and may be submitted via e mail to the Parish office. Thankyou

### White Flower Appeal Collection 18th January

The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children exists to transform culture so that abortion is not only abolished but becomes unthinkable. The society is actively leading the fight in courts, classrooms and culture to achieve this mission. Through these efforts we will restore a respect for the sanctity of human life from conception until natural death. This years appeal postcards allow supporters to join the fightback campaign against the current threats in Parliament to expand abortion and allow assisted suicide. Your support means everything to us. Please be as generous as you can to help SPUC at this critical time for our country.